

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE CANCELS

By Mike J. Burrows

In the U.S.A. two items have been published in the Perfins Bulletin during 1976*. This has prompted me to check my files and attempt to gather together the several bits and pieces of information that lie scattered about in the pages of the philatelic press.

At least four different types of perfin cancellation are known. Three of which are recorded doing revenue duty:

1. Single hole measuring 2.5 to 3mm in diameter.
2. USED 12,11,14,13 7mm
3. Date in three lines - various spacings.
4. BSA/C 13,12,10,9 5mm Two different dies.

An article by Robson Lowe in the Philatelist for October 1975, gives details of a recent discovery of printers records and file copies. From this excellent treatise the following data has been extracted, with the addition of Forbin** numbers.

1896 - 1906	<u>F</u>	<u>Value & colour</u>	<u>No. Printed</u>
	4	£50 grey-green & yellow	5,000
	5	£100 rose-red and deep mauve	2,000
	6	£200 deep green and carmine	1,000

This first printing was ordered on 24th September 1896. Produced in sheets of 20, perforated 15. Another value was ordered on 16th January 1903, perforated 14.5.

7	£30 brown & deep green	3,000
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Re-ordered on 25th October 1906.

-	£30 deep purple-brown & deep green	1,500
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The £50, £100 and £200 perfinned single hole (file copies) are illustrated in colour on the back page of the Philatelist for November 1975. In the Robson Lowe Revenue Sale for the 10th September 1976, these lots were on offer:

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| Lot 2183 | £50, two copies, one cancelled "MINES OFFICE/BULAWAYO" and the other "MINING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE", both pin-perforated "USED" | Valuation £25 (£16 was realised). |
| Lot 2184 | £30 and £50 both cancelled by perforating. | Valuation £20 (no bid recorded) |
| Lot 2185 | £50 and £100, both with purple cancellation and pin-perforated "USED". | Valuation £20 (£34 was realised). |

The £50 is illustrated in the catalogue.

Revenue Check List

<u>Forbin</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Perfin Type:</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
7	£30	Type not recorded		
4	£50		x	x
5	£100		x	x
6	£200		x	

Beside the issue of revenues, ordinary postal issues were used for fiscal purposes. A check of the items so far recorded gives:

<u>S.G.</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Perfin Type:</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4(Die 1)</u>	<u>4(Die 11)?</u>
31	3d			x	
83	6d		x		
84	1/-		x	x	x
88	7/6				x
90	£1		x		
92	£5				x
93	£10		x		
107	1/-			x	x
151/2	1/-		x		
275	5/-		x		

The items appended talow, perforated with type 4(die not stated) are to be found ia the Catalogue of Official Perfins §

50	10/-
75	½d
90	£1 ?
113c	£2
278/9b	£1 (mint) Ø

Authors Notes: * "Numbers Please" by Vojtech Maxa 1976 and "Perfin Page of the Month", Bob Sewerdt, May 1976.

** "Catalogue Prix-Courant des Timbres Fiscaux", 1915, A. Forbin.

Editor's Notes: § A S.E.P.S. publication issued via the Bulletin and now out of print.

? It is difficult to illustrate these dies adequately on stencils but Die 1 as specified by Mike Burrows has larger diameter holes than Die 11. A pair of S.G. 90 handstamped "NATIVE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE FORT RHODESIA" and date 21 August 1917 with perforation Die 11, are in the Editor's collection.

Ø Strip of three mint with Die 11 are in the Editor's collection.

South African Revenue Cancels by Michael Burrows

The two items published in recent Bulletins have prompted me to check my files and attempt to gather together the several bits and pieces of information on South African revenues that lie scattered about in the pages of the philatelic press.

At least four different types of Perfin cancellations are known, three of which are recorded doing revenue duty:

1. Single hole measuring 2.5 to 3mm. in diameter.
2. USED H 12, 11, 14, 13 7mm.
3. Dates, in three lines with varying spacing.
4. BSA/C 2H 13, 12, 10/9 5mm. two different dies.



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REVENUE STAMPS 1896 - 1906.

F	Value	Colour	No. printed
4	£50	grey-green & yellow	5,000
5	£100	rose-red & deep mauve	2,000
6	£200	deep green & carmine	1,000

This first printing was ordered on 24th September 1896. Produced in sheets of twenty, perf 15. Another value was ordered on 16th January 1903, perf 14.5.

7 £30 brown & deep green 3,000

Reordered on 25th October 1906.

- £30 deep purple-brown & deep green 1,500

The 50, 100 and 200-pound Perfinned single-hole (file) copies are illustrated in colour on the back page of the November 1975 issue of The Philatelist.

In the Robson Lowe Revenue Sale for 10th September 1976, these lots were on offer:

Lot 2183 £50, two copies, one cancelled "MINES OFFICE/BULAWAYO", the other "MINING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE" - both pin-perforated "USED". (realized 16 pounds).

Lot 2184 £30 and £50 both cancelled by perforating (unsold).

Lot 2185 £50 and £100, both with purple cancellation and pin-perf "USED".

The £50 value from Lot 2185 is illustrated in the catalogue.

Revenue Check List.

F	Value	Perfin type:	1.	2.
7	£30	(type not recorded)		
4	£50		x	x
5	£100		x	x
6	£200		x	

Besides the use of revenues, regular postal issues were used for fiscal purposes. A check of the items so far recorded gives:

1976 S.G.	Value	Perfin Type	3	4(die 1)	4(die 2)
31	3d.			x	
83	6d.		x		
84	1/-		x	x	x
88	7/6				x
90	£1		x		x
92	£5				x
93	£10		x		
107	1/-			x	x
151/2	1/-			x	x
275	5/-		x		

The appended items, perforated with type 4, die not stated, are to be found in the Catalogue of Official Perfins, published by SEPS:

50	10/-
75	½d.
90	£1
113c	£2
278/9b	£1 (mint)

Note: *Catalogue Prix-Courant des Timbres Fiscaux, 1915, A. Forbin